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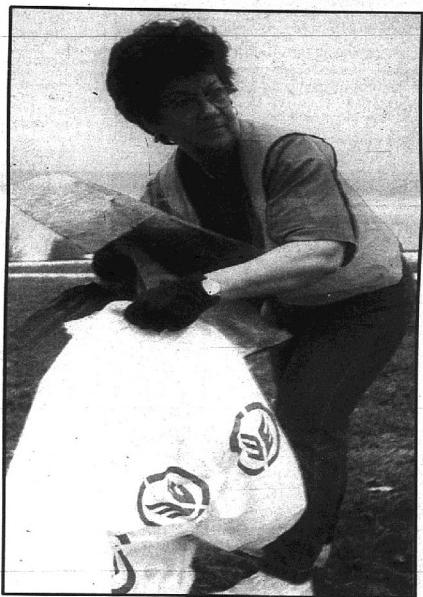
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Stashin' the trash



Area wide

spring cleaning — The 16th annual Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce's Stash The Trash clean up was Saturday April 8. Teams from Venice to Pontoon Beach picked up trash, swept streets and generally made their neighborhoods a cleaner place. Above, 10-year-old Ramon West, left, and Jake Ford, 8, work as a team to clean up a vacant lot along Baicum Ave. in Venice. In photo at left Allie Beard, of Coldwell Banker/Brown Realty, picks up trash along Route 203. See today's People Page on 5A for story and more photos.



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Mother hopes diet change will eliminate son's seizures

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Medicines never seemed to work for Jacob Koesterer, but thanks to his "magic food" he is beginning to lead a normal life.

Jacob, the six-year-old son of Granite area resident Lisa Koesterer, had suffered from epileptic seizures all his life. However, since starting an extremely strict ketogenic diet in November, those seizures have dramatically decreased. Koesterer is hoping that after a few years, the diet will eliminate the seizures.

The diet was the subject of a Frontline episode and an article in the April issue of Entertainment Weekly of Hollywood producer Jim Abrahams was successfully treated with it.

The diet replaces carbohydrates with fats. By forcing the body to burn fat for energy, it causes a ketogenic state and changes the body chemistry. For some reason this helps control seizures in between 20 percent of patients, but parents are not sure why.

Jacob has had seizures all his life. At 11 months, a brain tumor was removed, but the seizures continued.

Doctors prescribed different combinations of drugs, but Lisa Koesterer said none worked.

She said she consulted with the effects of the drugs and the seizures made it impossible for Jacob to live a normal life. "He wasn't alert and he had developmental problems," she said. "He was either drugged or wiped out because of the seizures."

After reading and hearing about the diet, she decided to try it, although Jacob's doctor said chances of any change were slim.

"It's a really difficult diet," she said of the diet. "He eats a lot of butter and drinks a lot of oil."

"I've found out what not to eat," she said. "Anything that goes into his mouth I can't have."

One of the side effects of the diet that Jacob has an extremely bad cholesterol level, but Koesterer said because the diet should only last for a few years, it can be dealt with.

For the diet to work, Koesterer has to give Jacob extremely exact amounts of food and liquids. In some cases, she said food is mea-

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Lisa Koesterer hopes a change in diet will help control her son Jacob's epileptic seizures.

Decision delayed on zoning change

Nearby residents protest proposed power plant

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Madison officials will meet later this month to consider a recommended change to the city's zoning ordinance that may affect a proposed \$100 million wood-burning plant.

On Tuesday night, about 20 residents of the Cloverleaf subdivision — which lies in unincorporated Nameoki Township just outside the Madison city limits — were included in the standing-room-only crowd attending a Madison City Council meeting. On the agenda was a recommendation to change the city's zoning ordinance that could possibly affect development of a wood- and coal-burning energy plant proposed for an industrially-zoned site in the city directly adjacent to the Cloverleaf residential development.

Many Cloverleaf residents said they are concerned that the power plant would be nothing more than an incinerator belching hazardous and toxic materials into the air they breathe.

Madison City Attorney Casper Nighobossian said the plant is not an incinerator and that it will have to meet all federal and state environmental regulations.

On Monday, about 50 Cloverleaf residents pro-

tested outside City Hall while the Zoning Board considered revising the zoning code.

But rather than act Tuesday night on a zoning board proposal to revise the zoning code, the matter was referred to the City Council's Legislative Committee for further study. The committee is tentatively scheduled to take up the matter April 22.

STRIV LLC has proposed the plant, which would burn at least 400,000 tons of wood chips each year to provide electricity to Illinois Power. An executive summary of the proposed STRIV development characterizes the plant as environmentally friendly, diverting hundreds of thousands of tons of wood waste from landfills.

But Cloverleaf residents are concerned about the type of wood that will be burned. They said creosote-treated wood, painted wood or wood treated with toxic chemicals could be burned at the plant, possibly sending cancer-causing chemicals into the atmosphere. They have submitted petitions with signatures of more than 100 residents opposed to the plant.

They are also concerned that their protests will go ignored because Madison city officials, elected by Madison residents, have no accountability to

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King for a day

VIP trustees skip meeting; Macek named mayor pro tem

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Trustee Mike Macek got to be mayor of Pontoon Beach after all.

Macek, who was defeated for the job by incumbent Mayor Glen Wilson in last week's elections, was appointed to regular board meeting because Wilson was out of town.

Week and fellow members of the United for Progress party also got a chance to run the town when all the other elected officials members of the Village Improvement Party did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Also absent were Clerk Lou Whitsell and trustees Janet Barringer, Carol Ross and Bob Vincent. Whitsell, Barringer and Ross were defeated in the elections.

The new board reversed two actions of the previous board, voiding contracts with Union Electric for street lights and a



Mike Macek

St. Louis accounting firm for the annual village audit.

Before the meeting, new Village Clerk Mary Rowden, incum-

bent Trustee Irene Karlechik and trustees Randy Preswood and Guy Falter were sworn in by Associate Judge Michael Meehan.

Before the meeting there was some concern that the new members would not be sworn because the board did not have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting. However, Village Attorney Keith Jensen said the Illinois State Election Board told them the new officials could be sworn without a quorum.

The new board then held a short meeting. Among actions taken were the resinding of two contracts.

The first, a contract with Union Electric to install and maintain street lights north of the town, in the 17th block of Sixth Street, was cancelled because Jensen said it was too expensive and should be renegotiated. That area is in Chouteau Township. While most of the village's electricity is pro

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Vrabec's comp claim denied

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

An arbitrator has denied a Madison alderman's workers' compensation claim in connection with a beating with baseball bats he sustained nearly six years ago.

Third Ward Alderman Mike Vrabec, 36, had no comment when notification of the decision was read at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. His attorney, James Goggin of Granite City, has filed an appeal of the decision.

Vrabec sustained broken bones, bruises and cuts July 4, 1989 when he was beaten by a man and a juvenile with baseball bats in Madison. He missed about two weeks of work because of the injuries.

Vrabec said he was driving home from a

friend's house and was heading east on Sixth Street at about 2:45 a.m. when a man ran up to his car and started hitting him with a bat. The juvenile also hit the car, Vrabec said.

He said he started to back his car down the street to avoid the pair and struck an unoccupied car parked in the 17th block of Sixth Street.

Vrabec got out his vehicle to defend himself and advised the two assailants that he was a Madison alderman and they were under arrest, he told police. At that point, the two began hitting Vrabec with baseball bats, he said.

A resident who saw the incident chased the two assailants away with a wooden handle, Vrabec told police.

Vrabec sustained fractures to his jaw and hand,

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75 years ago

April 13, 1920
The Osteria Post of 13 of the American Legion was launched a \$100,000 fund-raising drive to construct a meeting hall for former servicemen.

Deaths

Shawn Dandridge
Freda Dewese
Donald Doty
Robin Fenton
Erna Hamilos
Shannon Starr
George Watkins



Tom Long

Youth center gets big boost

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

The dream of a Granite City youth center is coming closer to reality every day.

This week, Mayor Rod Selp obtained a firm commitment from Argosy Gaming Corporation, the Alton Belle Casino, of \$10,000 cash toward the construction of a facility.

Argosy has also pledged to donate two state-of-the-art computers to the youth center to assist teenagers with homework and in learning computer science.

"I fully endorse your leadership and zeal in attempting to create an all-for-profit organization to construct and maintain a teen center for the Granite City community," Tom Long, Vice chairman, CEO and general manager for Argosy wrote in a letter to Selp.

Selp and a 20-member board of directors have selected an architect for the proposed 10,000 square-foot building and will

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LOCAL NEWS

Former honor guard remembers Roosevelt as 'a man of his word'

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Nick Mitalovich of Madison remembers listening to President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the radio as a child. He also remembers the shock and grief the nation felt when Roosevelt died April 12, 1945.

Today, 50 years after Roosevelt's death, Mitalovich said it is hard to find anybody who knows or cares about Roosevelt and the contributions he made to world civilization.

Those memories are especially important for Mitalovich because in 1948, he was one of 32 U.S. Marines who served as an honor guard during the unveiling of a statue honoring Roosevelt in Grosvenor Square in London.

Mitalovich served in the marines from 1945-50, just missing the end of World War II and getting out a few months before the start of the Korean War. He was able to participate in the unveiling of the statue during a memorable two-year tour as an embassy guard in London and Rome.

In addition to the unveiling, Mitalovich had an audience with Pope Pius XII in Rome.

"After I kissed his ring, he asked me how the (St. Louis) cathedral was. I told him it was still there," Mitalovich said. "The truth was I had never even seen it."

Mitalovich worked on "a" of captured Nazi records used in the Nuremberg War Trials and stored at the U.S. Embassy in London.

However, Mitalovich said the ceremony at the statue was his most memorable experience.

As a member of the Marine embassy guard detail in London, Mitalovich remembers the pride he felt when the statue was unveiled in Grosvenor Square.

"It was just fantastic to hear Sir Winston (Churchill) speak," Mitalovich said. "But I didn't think he was ever going to get done."

Mitalovich and the rest of his unit also got a chance to meet Queen Elizabeth II and Eleanor Roosevelt.

"She (Roosevelt) gave each of us a pack of Camels (cigarettes)," he said. "She was better looking in person than her pictures — a real nice lady."

He said the statue was paid for by donations from English citizens.

"The people were grateful for his greatness and help," Mitalovich said. Roosevelt, who served as president from 1932-45, has been credited with ending isolationism in the United States at the beginning of World War II.

Although the United States did not actively enter the war until after the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, the United States began selling weapons and ammunition to the British after Nazi Germany invaded Poland in 1939.

To allow those sales, Roosevelt had to call a special session of Congress to repeal sections of the Neutrality Act barring such sales.

In late 1940, when the British government began running out of cash to pay for their supplies, Roosevelt initiated the Lend-Lease Act, which allowed the government to sell, lend or lease weapons to the allied governments.

He also initiated the first peacetime draft and began preparing Americans and the U.S. economy for war.

Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., just 83 days after beginning his fourth term as president.



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Nick Mitalovich holds a picture of the unveiling of Roosevelt's statue at Grosvenor Square in London. Mitalovich is one of the guards in the lower right of the photograph.

Today, Mitalovich said nobody remembers.

"I showed pictures to some people, and they didn't even know who he was," Mitalovich said. "He was a great man. When you heard Franklin talk, you believed him."

"He was a man of his word."

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Haine seeking to close motel

City and county officials are trying to shut down a downtown Granite City motel they say is a haven for prostitution and drug trafficking.

"This is a den of iniquity. It has been a problem for years," Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said in reference to the Granite City Lodge, located at 1200 19th Street.

Haine's office filed a complaint Friday asking for a temporary restraining order against the motel and its owners, Mahendra and Bharati Gandhi.

The complaint lists 57 specific instances of alleged prostitution or drug trafficking activity at or near the motel over the past five years.

'Truth' bill called disappointing

State representatives Tom Holbrook and Steve Davis are disappointed in a "truth in sentencing" bill that passed the House of Representatives last week.

The measure does not put an end to early release for violent crimes, such as second degree murder, kidnapping and child pornography.

Under the terms of the measure, which now passes to the state Senate, felons convicted of certain violent crimes must serve at least 85 percent of their sentence and first degree murderers would have to serve 100 percent.

Woman gets 30 years

A Pontoon Beach woman has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the 1992 killing of her 2-year-old son and stabbing of her 4-year-old daughter.

In a last-minute plea before her trial was scheduled to begin in Edwardsville, Monica Rujawitz pleaded guilty but mentally ill Thursday to one count each of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder.

On March 23, 1993, Rujawitz fatally stabbed her son, Jeremiah McBride, and slashed and severely injured her daughter, Michelle McBride, in their Pontoon Beach apartment before cutting herself with the knife.

Pontoon won't compromise

Pontoon Beach officials are not willing to make any kind of deal with the owner of a business cited recently for having a large number of derelict cars.

Dan E. Juedeman, owner of One Stop Auto Center at 4004 Pontoon Road, was told he had until Tuesday to clean up his lot or the village would do it for him.

At a special board meeting Wednesday, trustees voted unanimously to deny Juedeman's appeal of citations issued for 41 cars at his business.

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Two-car crash takes life of woman, 24

EDWARDSVILLE — Twenty-four-year-old Shannon Starr of Edwardsville had a dream to be a schoolteacher. "She had a deep love for children and wanted to teach second grade," her father, Garrett Starr of Edwardsville, said.

Family and friends were stunned Monday by the news of her death in a two-car crash near Illinois Routes 157-162 in Glen Carbon.

Starr was driving west on Route 162 about 6:21 a.m. and turned right onto Route 157 into the path of a northbound pickup truck, which was carrying a group of people.

She was pronounced dead at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Ill., but the driver of the truck, Dennis Hinderer, of Williston, N.D., apparently was not injured, Madison County Coroner Dallas Burke said.

Family, acquaintances and her fellow workers mourned the death of Starr, a loving friend, aspiring teacher and faithful member of Metro Community Church of Edwardsville.

Shannon attended the church for nearly a year and was baptized a month ago. She was formally introduced as a new member on Sunday.

"She was a caring person, always helping someone else," said her roommate, Becky Scott, who was deeply hurt by Starr's death.

Church members remembered Starr as a leader in Prime Time, a young singles group at Metro Church. "She brought sunshine into our lives," said Melody Westbrook, wife of the church's pastor, the Rev. Paul Westbrook.

Starr graduated from Granite City High School in 1989 and attended Belleville Area College to work toward a degree in elementary education.

She was apparently driving to her job as a travel agent at Carlson Wagonlit Travel in St. Louis when the accident happened, police said.

"She was working full time to save money for college," her father said. "She was determined to finish school and get her degree in education."

Workers at the travel agency knew Starr as the friendly voice on the phone to customers. "We'll all miss her smile," said an employee at the travel agency.

"Starr's blue eyes sparkled when she saw her baby-sitting charges, 7-year-old Josiah and 5-year-old Caleb Romoser of rural Edwardsville."

"She loved the children and they loved her," their father, the Rev. *David Romoser, associate pastor of Metro Church said.

Shannon would often pop a bowl of popcorn for the children and read them a story before she tucked them in bed, Romoser said.

Services for Shannon were Thursday morning at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Sanders' selection looks firm

EDWARDSVILLE — Outgoing Southern Illinois University Chancellor James Brown says former Illinois State Superintendent of Education Ted Sanders could be appointed to succeed him today.

"I definitely think (Sanders) is the first choice," Brown said. "I wouldn't be at all surprised if some action were taken yesterday. I think everything is in place."

The SIU Board of Trustees could announce the appointment at their meeting today, March 29, said sources.

"Sanders, 53, of Ohio, is the only candidate who met last Friday with the university's advisory screening committee. He is planning to retire from the post June 30."

Sanders, the Ohio superintendent of public instruction since October 1989, could be named for comment. However, after meeting with the advisory committee, Sanders said he planned to discuss his future Monday with the Ohio State Board of Education.

As SIU chancellor, Sanders would oversee the 33,000-student, two-campus university and its \$492 million annual budget.

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— From the Alton Telegraph

successor.

"He had an extended meeting with the advisory committee," Brown said. "The commission has since sent a letter of recommendation to the board."

Brown said he is backing Sanders for the post. "I recommended him without contention. He is a very good candidate."

A native Texan, Sanders came to Illinois in 1985 after working five years as Nevada superintendent of instruction. He held the top post at the Illinois State Board of Education until May 1989 when he accepted an appointment by President George Bush as deputy secretary of education in the U.S. Department of Education.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE)

Focus on the family — Angela West's first grade class at Mitchell school recently successfully completed a four-week series on "Our Family" sponsored by Junior Achievement. William Perigo of Mercantile Bank was the business consultant for the four-week series that focused on the family, continuing education and how business affects the family. Students were awarded a certificate of completion. Junior Achievement has developed comprehensive learning modules for grades K-12. Volunteer "business consultants" visit local schools and deliver the learning modules. With the

students are substitute teacher Kathy Lymbro, far left, and business consultant William Perigo, far right. Students who received certificates are Norma Allen, Andrea Alvarez, Kalani Caalim, Brittni Clark, James Drennan, Nicole Ebrecht, Spencer Ely, Ashley Evans, David Grant, William Hodge, Adam Mariano, Latasha Morris, Travis McLean, Kevin Nichols, Kevin Perez, Brittan Riggins, Kim Schmitt, Brittany Stalcoff, Julianne Tindall, Bradley Willite, Kyle Williams, Nicholas Wimberly and Ashlee Wright. Not pictured is Jesse Chauvin.

Lawmakers optimistic of Fairmount's future

SPRINGFIELD — Two area lawmakers who are optimistic legislation will hit the finish line this spring to assure continued live racing at Fairmount Park Racetrack in Collinsville.

Rep. Ray Hoffman, D-Collinsville, and Sen. Randy Watson, R-Greenville, praised the Governor's Task Force on Horse Racing for including special consideration for Fairmount in its recommendations.

Fairmount Park is located within their districts and its continued operation affects seven horse tracks, including those in agriculture, the lawmakers noted.

Both said they hope legislation containing the task force recommendations will be passed as a separate issue before the spring legislative session ends.

"They don't want to see it tied to the more controversial issue of expanding riverboat gambling," Hoffman said. "It would be unavailable to comment on the task force report."

The original suggestion allowing Fairmount to keep revenues from bets on Chicago area races simulcast to Fairmount's off-track betting parlors, including the one on the Alton Landing.

The proposal would drop the commissions Fairmount pays to the other tracks in return for eliminating Fairmount's commissions on its races broadcast to the Chicago area off-track betting parlors.

Neither task force chairman James Kane, a Chicago attorney, or the two area lawmakers had specific estimates on how Fairmount would benefit from the recommendation.

However, the report said the shift should guarantee the continued viability of Fairmount and its horsemen.

"I think it's great. It's something that will help Fairmount remain viable. The purses would increase and provide the ability to attract horses while the number of racing dates would not be reduced."

— Jay Hoffman
Collinsville representative

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Hoffman praised Elgar for appointing the task force and its apparent consensus on what should be done.

"I would hope we could move forward on this issue. If the problem is not been identified, if we don't do something soon, we could lose these jobs," said.

Watson noted that state help for horse racing has been held up in the past few years because of the controversy over riverboat racing.

"I think we have an opportunity now to get this can move forward on its own," he said.

However, Watson had some reservations about the statewide recommendations of the task force.

One would authorize Illinois off-tracks betting parlors to carry more simulcast races from other states and countries.

Watson said he wants to be sure the return to the current live racing schedule at Illinois tracks is not reduced.

Watson also is skeptical about the recommendation to authorize placing bets on races over the telephone.

"I am not in reserve judgment on that. I'm not sure we aren't making gambling too accessible," he said.

Phone betting is already permitted in five out-of-state tracks to be implemented quickly, in Illinois, Kane said.

He explained that typically the bettor would deposit a preset amount in an account and then call in with an access code to place bets.

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Area for week 3 is: Nameoki Rd. 1st Run-off track behind North Granite 20th St. to Nameoki Rd.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Were 3 students treated fairly?

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to let the community know about the plight of three of the top senior honor students at Granite City High School.

Our children were to vacation with the yearbook staff from the high school during Easter break.

The trip to Cancun, Mexico, was booked by the yearbook sponsor through Creative Travel in Granite City.

Creative Travel then booked the trip through Club America, which is now no longer.

The trip cost \$769.50 per student, which is a good amount of money.

Creative Travel decided to send the students to Cancun out of their own pocket, but there was a change in plans for the trip.

The hotel was changed and the cost of the trip plus the days of the vacation were changed.

The vacation was originally planned from Saturday, April 8, through Saturday, April 15. Now, however, Travel has changed the plan to Tuesday, April 11, through Tuesday, April 18. This requires the students to miss two days of school.

Two different students have decided to go to Cancun since our children have decided that missing two days of school (which are going to be counted against them) is impossible for them to do.

If a crime is going to carry one illegally, he will do so and we remain at their mercy. Only those that can legally carry a weapon anywhere they want to carry bill.

RICHARD L. LARGEN
Bethalto

Who will raise our children?

TO THE EDITOR:

We are in the process of living through an earthquake that will never be detected by the community. But nobody seems to know or care. One of our basic rights and responsibilities is about to be forcefully ripped off from our nation and carried into the sea, never to be seen again.

These statements sound extremely alarmist, but I hope you have not dismissed this letter as being from some kook because it is not very real. At stake is Who will raise your children, you or the government?

President Clinton has ordered our ambassador to the United Nations to sign the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. While the title may sound innocuous and maybe even salutary, if you look at the treaty itself, you will get an entirely different picture.

If this treaty is ratified by the U.S. Senate, it will have the following impact on our families and nations:

1) Replace traditional family values with state-sanctioned values;

2) Strip parents of their authority to raise their children;

3) Give the authority to raise your children to the state;

4) Make our children puppets of the government; and

5) Further destroy the sanctity and value of the family.

There are 54 articles in this treaty. The following is a sample of some of the articles:

2. Empowers the government to determine the religious training of a child by adoptive parents;

15. Parents prohibited from forbidding their children to join groups of their choice;

I would urge you to contact our two Senators, Paul Simon and Carol Moseley-Braun, if you are concerned about the government's role in raising children. They can both be reached by phone at 202-224-4121. Or if you care to write, the address is: Sen. (Name), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

CHARLES ECKERT
Collinsville

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Maybe someone out there will help us get equal treatment for our children.

MR. AND MRS. SAM RONGEY

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TO THE EDITOR:

I had the misfortune of running out of gas (my gas gauge broke recently) Thursday March 30, along Interstate 55 and Highway 111 interchange at approximately 10:15 a.m.

I waited in my minivan, with my son for a half hour but no help materialized from the passing traffic.

I was about to walk one and a half miles to a motorist aid station when a man pulled off the highway in front of me and asked if she could help. I told her I was out of gas. She asked if I had a gas can. I didn't and also told her I had no money. She said, "That's not necessary." After talking further, I learned she was Linda Griffin of Glen Carbon.

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Granite City

On right to have concealed guns

TO THE EDITOR:

I wonder why police worry so much about the right of law-abiding people to own guns, and those same people having the right to carry a concealed weapon.

Concealed weapons are all around us every day. Only the ones carrying those weapons

intend to, and do use them. Only the law-abiding person is left to the mercy, if they have any, of these criminals.

My son I have to drive along Route 367, alone, and be hassled by three males in a car beside me? I have no idea what they are up to when this happens. It's the occasion that used a two-way radio to line up some assistance in the event it would be needed.

I assure you, had these three thought there was the remotest possibility that I would be armed, they would have backed off much sooner. As far as I recall, it is illegal to take a weapon into a bar anyway. Who knows?

If a criminal is going to carry one illegally, he will do so and we remain at their mercy. Only those that can legally carry a weapon anywhere they want to carry bill.

RICHARD L. LARGEN
Bethalto

Who will raise our children?

TO THE EDITOR:

We are in the process of living through an earthquake that will never be detected by the community. But nobody seems to know or care. One of our basic rights and responsibilities is about to be forcefully ripped off from our nation and carried into the sea, never to be seen again.

These statements sound extremely alarmist, but I hope you have not dismissed this letter as being from some kook because it is not very real. At stake is Who will raise your children, you or the government?

President Clinton has ordered our ambassador to the United Nations to sign the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. While the title may sound innocuous and maybe even salutary, if you look at the treaty itself, you will get an entirely different picture.

If this treaty is ratified by the U.S. Senate, it will have the following impact on our families and nations:

1) Replace traditional family values with state-sanctioned values;

2) Strip parents of their authority to raise their children;

3) Give the authority to raise your children to the state;

4) Make our children puppets of the government; and

5) Further destroy the sanctity and value of the family.

There are 54 articles in this treaty. The following is a sample of some of the articles:

2. Empowers the government to determine the religious training of a child by adoptive parents;

15. Parents prohibited from forbidding their children to join groups of their choice;

I would urge you to contact our two Senators, Paul Simon and Carol Moseley-Braun, if you are concerned about the government's role in raising children. They can both be reached by phone at 202-224-4121. Or if you care to write, the address is: Sen. (Name), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

CHARLES ECKERT
Collinsville

We just wanted the community to know about our children and what great young people they are.

Maybe someone out there will help us get equal treatment for our children.

MR. AND MRS. KEN ROSUGE

Granite City

Griffin truly Good Samaritan

TO THE EDITOR:

I had the misfortune of running out of gas (my gas gauge broke recently) Thursday March 30, along Interstate 55 and Highway 111 interchange at approximately 10:15 a.m.

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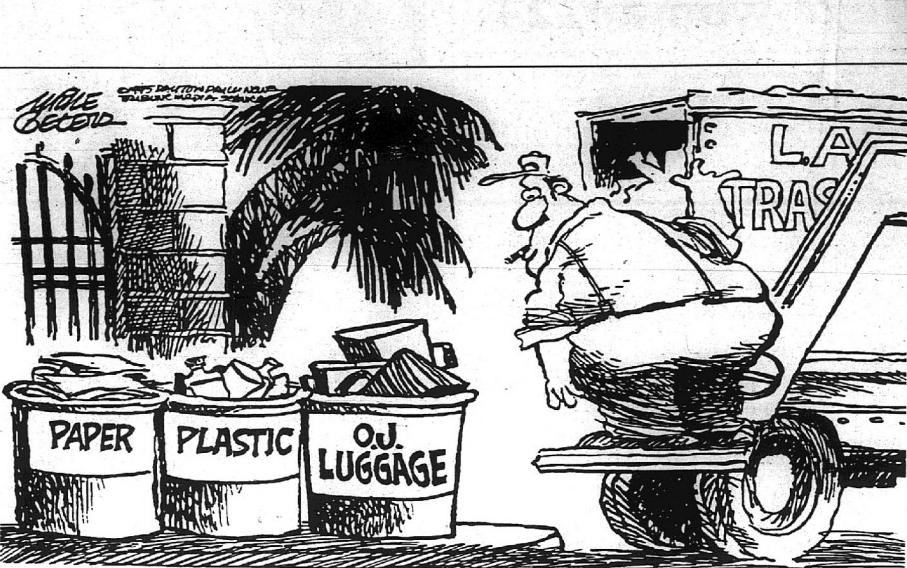
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Steel demand aiding area mill

Nineteen ninety-four was a tough year for hundreds of salaried employees of steel companies affected by staff cutbacks. (National owns Granite City Steel.)

But it was a fine year in several other respects.

Production for flat rolled

steel was the strongest it has been in more than 20 years. In response, National produced more raw steel and shipped more finished products than in any year in its recent history.

The new management pledged to improve profits immediately and to establish processes to sustain profitability in a weak economy.

Agreement was reached with the United Steelworkers of America to reopen the National Steel Co. and restore the spirit of the 1986 Cooperative Partnership between the company and union.

Better operating performance together with the gain of \$131 million from several unusual unusual credits and charges, resulted in net income for the year of \$188 million. This was an 80 percent swing of \$427 million from the \$29 million net loss in 1993.

Granite City was selected by National Steel as the site of a \$67 million facility to produce

coated steel for the construction industry.

National Steel was formed in 1929 through the merger of Great Lakes Steel, Weirton Steel and M.A. Hanna Co.

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, the company in 1971 acquired Granite City Steel, which traces its history to 1902.

In the late 1970s, with domestic demand declining and worldwide overcapacity growing, National began downsizing and cut its steelmaking capacity in half.

But in 1984 it launched a \$2 billion capital spending program and has become the fourth-largest steel producer in the United States.

In 1992, the company moved its headquarters to Mishawaka, Ind., to be closer to its base of customers and its three mills in Granite City, the Detroit area, and Lake Division and Portage, Ind. (Midwest Div.).

After 10 years of private ownership, National in early 1993 returned to public ownership.

The public now has a 24 percent voting interest; the other 76 percent is held by NKK Corp., a diversified steel engineering and development firm.

NKK is the second biggest steelmaking company in Japan and among largest in the world.

National Steel officials have the most technically advanced production facilities in the steel industry and is well on its way to that goal. In 1991 it became the first major integrated steelmaker in the U.S. to cast 100 percent of its products by continuous casting.

The \$2 billion spent for expansion and modernization is the most per-ton of any American steelmaker.

Granite City got a second continuous caster that has increased product quality and plant productivity. Granite City also added a large metalurgist station to better meet customers' exacting specifications.

Chairman of the National Steel board is Osamu Sawagaki, NKK general manager. He succeeded from vice chairman of the board upon the retirement of Kokichi Higashimura.

On June 1, 1994, John Goodwin was named executive director and Robert McGreer was named senior vice president and chief financial officer.

Directors along with Sawagaki and Goodwin are Hiroshi Matsunaga, vice president and assistant to the president; Ken-ichi Murakami, vice president and administration; Edwin V. Clarke Jr., a retired Westinghouse Electric executive; Robert L. Slater, James J. Conroy, controller; Masayuki Hamano, NKK general manager of technology planning and coordination; and Kenichiro Sekine, NKK executive director of engineering and development.

Lucchino was elected to the National Steel board in January 1995. He succeeded from

the United Steelworkers.

National Steel officers include Kenneth J. Leonard, vice president and general manager, Granite City Division.

Samuel C. Goodwin reported \$2.7 billion 1994 sales, the highest since National was restructured in 1984. There were improvements in both prices and product mix.

They endorse labor-management cooperation — a genuine, working partnership based on mutual respect and mutual interest.

They envision "positive change" in which "each person has a role and a responsibility to help make this transition succeed."

They won't be second-class citizens

About the author: Dick Goodwin received a master's degree in sociology from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. His writing incorporates his personal experiences of living life with a severe disability. He is a founder and executive director of IMPACT Inc., an organization directed and managed by persons with disabilities.

July 26 is the anniversary of a landmark event in the history of the disability rights movement: the fifth anniversary of the signing into law of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the most sweeping civil rights law ever passed.

ADA is a blueprint for the future, defining a philosophy and strategy to take persons with disabilities into the 21st Century as full participants in society. It is clear in its message that stereotypes, prejudice, stigma and purposeful and subtle discrimination are the biggest barriers to full participation of citizens with disabilities in the numerous disability constituencies.

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- Advocacy and empowerment
- Removal of work disincentives

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the movement will not tolerate anything less than full citizenship.

With a shrinking American work force expected in the 21st Century, and an ever-increasing federal deficit, it is altogether fitting and proper that Americans with disabilities are establishing a social change agenda that could both provide an expanded work force that includes individuals with disabilities and relieve pressure on the federal deficit by reducing benefits paid out to people.

Operation People First, a project sponsored by a bi-partisan group of congressional Republicans, sponsored 60 teleconferences around the country which elicited comments from 1,200 disability rights leaders, representing a broad cross section of the numerous disability constituencies.

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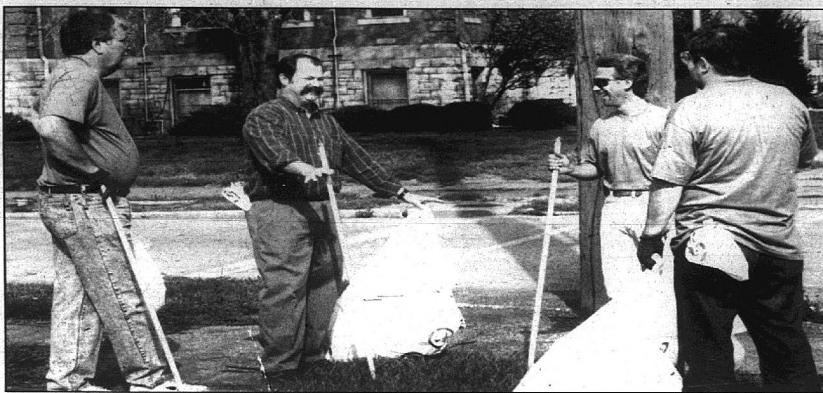
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People



(Photo by PAULA DAVIS)

From left, Ted Eilerman, St. Elizabeth Medical Center president and CEO; George Garrigus, director of Radiology; Jim Chiappa, director of Providence Occupational Health Services Wellness Center and Paul Raczkiewicz, SEMC executive vice-president take a break.



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPEK-HURD)

Carlos Briggs, left, and Kenneth Ball clean up a vacant lot along Baicum Avenue in Venice.

Community Cleanup climax: Stash the Trash bash a success

Beautiful weather and a spirit of cooperation were in the air last week end for the 16th Annual Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Stash the Trash campaign.

Fifteen teams participated in the highway cleanup "Golf Classic" competition. Elsewhere, six neighborhood groups and a host of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts worked to make the annual community cleanup day a success.

Teams competed against each other to see who could collect the most trash from yards, streets, alleys and vacant lots.

Teams participating included: the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Sup-

port Center, Waste Management, Columbia Landscape, Belleville Area College, Central Bank, Roosevelt Bank, Century 21 Royce Realty, Coldwell Banker Brown Realty, McDonalds, Headstart, Hope Lutheran Church, Stamford Community Department, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City Steel and the chamber's Women's Division.

Trophies were awarded to competing teams, each of two categories.

The Price Center took first place in the large group competition. Among the small groups, Belleville Area College collected 83 bags of trash, Coldwell Banker Brown collected 68 bags, Central Bank filled 51 bags and McDonalds

45 bags. In a traditional match pitting Granite City Steel against SEMC, the hospital group apparently wrested the traveling trophy from the defending champions. Unaudited reports show SEMC with 117 bags and GCS with 63.

Neighborhood groups participating included the Arlington Neighborhood Association, the Old Six Mile Historical Society, Hillside Park, Inc., the Legacy Neighborhood Association, the Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society, and the Venice Concerned Citizens.

A number of Scout groups have pledged to continue to clean up their assigned areas through the end of the month.

"Stash the Trash" was the climax of the chamber's annual Community Cleanup campaign coordinated by the chamber's Community Pride Committee.

The campaign began with poster coloring contest for third grade students. More than 1,000 entries were received. Savings bonds donated by Magna Bank, Central Bank, Guardian Savings Bank, First Bank, Roosevelt Bank, and Granite City Steel Employees and Community Credit Union were awarded to nine winners and coloring books were given to 100 honorable men-

tions. The poster was designed by Janet Mills and the printing was underwritten by the chamber Women's Division.

Other businesses or organizations that contributed services or products or provided other assistance were: Sullivan's Save A Lot, Charlie's Restaurant, CapriSun, Pepsi Cola Bottling, Sam's Club, McDonalds, Seibold's Bakery, Harder's Shop, Save National Foods, Waste Management, Voluntary Jam, and Laidlaw Waste Systems, Granite City Board of Realtors, the chamber Women's Division, and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Barb DuVall and Glenn O'Bryan chair the Community Pride Committee.



Nancy Hoffman cleans out a grate on Neidringhaus Avenue.



Barb Smith works on picking up trash along Nameoki Road.



Faith Christiansen gathers trash along Illinois Rt. 203.



Bridget Hopkins, left, puts trash into a bag held by her mother, Margaret Hopkins in the 2600 Block of Delmar Avenue.



The Hirose family worked together along Neidringhaus Avenue: From left are Toshi, Mamiko, Fumi and Aya.

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Obituaries

Donald Doty

Donald Lee Doty Sr., 60, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Jan. 29, 1935, in East St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for 19 years.

An inspector with ACME Termit Control in Belleville since 1978 was a Korean War U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Rose (Kite) Doty, whom he married March 28, 1958; five sons, Donald (Mike), Dennis, "Joe," Donald Jr., and David; a daughter, Diane Doty, City, and Danny Doty of Edwardsville; one daughter, Dana Doty of Granite City; one sister, Eileen Howell of Virginia Beach, Va.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Cheryl Kay Doty; his parents, Oliver Louis Doty and Mary Elizabeth Doty; three brothers, Lou, Chuck and Ed Doty; and one granddaughter, Maia Seger, and one granddaughter.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City, where services will be held at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Eddie Linnert officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Memorials to the family of Donald Doty are suggested.

Erna Hamilos

Erna B. (Cridler) Hamilos, 94, of Maryville, formerly of Madison, died at 8:02 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She was born May 26, 1901, in Elgin, Ky.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison.

Survivors include three sons, Carlis and William Hamilos, both of Granite City, and Nick Hamilos of Glen Carbon; two daughters,

Helen Tounds of Lake St. Louis and Kenneth Cridler of Granite City; 18 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Hamilos; two sons, Angelo and James Hamilos; her parents, Lewis Cass Cridler and Zetta (Border) Cridler; one brother; and four sisters. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services are at 9:30 a.m. Friday with the Rev. James Keefner officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

George Watkins

George S. Watkins, 70, of Pontoon Beach died Sunday, April 9, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a six-month illness. He was born Dec. 3, 1924, in Alton, Ill., and had been a resident of Pontoon Beach for 17 years.

A supervisor with Purex Corporation for many years prior to his retirement, he was an Army veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include five sons, Vernon Mitchell of St. Louis, Richard and Jerry Watkins, both of Indianapolis, Eugene Mitchell of Granite City and George Watkins of St. Louis; a son, Thomas; Linda Little of Dayton and Kathy Robey of Mitchell; two brothers, John Watkins of Belleville and Stanley Watkins of Florida; three sisters, Linda and Clarissa Dandridge, both of Venice, and Catrice Dandridge of St. Louis; his wife, Marlene; Thomas Dandridge and Garnett Mansom; and his great-grandparents, Lawrence and Bennie Mansom.

Services were held Tuesday, April 11, at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Venice, with the Rev. John Henry Williams officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Arrangements were by Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

and his parents, George and Mabel (Gallagher) Watson.

Visitation is from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Freida Dewese

Freida (Meeks) Dewese, 66, of Lebanon, died at 12:47 p.m. Monday, April 10, 1995, at Emerald Garden, Lebanon. She was born June 12, 1928, in Geff, Ill.

A mental health technician with St. Louis State Hospital in St. Louis for 22 years, she was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, Lewis Dewese, whom she married June 18, 1946, in Sturgis, Ky.; one son, Len; Edward Dewese of Lebanon; three daughters, Elizabeth Ann Pratt of Boston and Deborah Sue Smith of Granite City; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Hall Meeks and Myrtle Mae (Jackson) Meeks, and one brother, William Meeks.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 317 W. St. Louis St., Lebanon, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Don Wagner officiating. Burial will be in Boulden Cemetery, Eddyville, Ky.

Memorials are requested for the Boulden Church Building Fund in Eddyville.

Robin Fenton

Robin M. Fenton, 25, of Bethalto died at 10:36 a.m. Friday, April 7, 1995, at her residence. She was born Oct. 1, 1969, in Belleville.

Survivors include one son, Scott Long of Gillespie; her father, Don Haynes of Ballwin, Mo.; her mother and stepfather, Pat and Eddie Milton of Granite

City; one brother, Jacob Fenton of Granite City; two sisters, Andrea Fenton of Bettendorf and Crystal Fenton of Canton, Ill.; and a paternal grandmother, Lois Hayes of Glen Carbon; and her maternal grandmother, Helen Miller.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, John Hayes; and her maternal grandfather, Ed Jacobs.

Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Roy Boyer officiating.

Shannon Starr

Shannon Starr, 24, of Edwardsville died at 8:02 a.m. Monday, April 10, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, following an automobile accident at Illinois Routes 157 and 162 near Glen Carbon. She was born Jan. 25, 1971, in Fort Knox, Ky.

A travel agent with Carlson Wagonlit Travel in St. Louis, she was a member of Metro Community Church in Granite City, a graduate of Granite City High School and attended Belleville Area College.

Survivors include her parents, Gary and Diane (Brett) Starr of Edwardsville; two brothers, Garrett Starr of Albiene, Texas, and John Starr of Edwardsville; one sister, Susanne Starr of Edwardsville; and her grandparents, Jim and Helen Spector of New York City, N.Y.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main St., Edwardsville, with the Rev. Paul Weierman officiating. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Metro Community Church in Edwardsville.

Ryan cuts only central office staff

SPRINGFIELD — While making cuts in central office staff, Attorney General Jim Ryan has not made any changes so far in regional offices, a spokesman says.

"So far, the regional offices have not been affected one way or the other," Ryan spokesman Jerry Owens said.

Koesterer said he may be able to start some cuts there.

She said the diet is especially difficult for her other children, Mallory, 10; and Isaac, 2.

"We've broken a lot of rules," she said. "Miller has to eat something in his room."

Isaac, however, still roams around the house eating pretzels, she said.

However, she said Jacob willing eats his diet.

"He does it because it works," she said. "All he wants is not to have seizures."

Ryan also has proposed a zero

growth budget for fiscal 1995-96. Area lawmakers and attorneys have written Ryan urging him to keep open the Granite City regional office. They cite the high number of consumer complaints and inquiries the office has handled for several years.

Ryan has pledged to continue regional offices but has said he may change the location or number.

No final decisions on those issues have been made because Ryan has been evaluating other aspects of the office, Owens said.

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Stitch in time — Lucy Colbert of Mitchell works on a quilt at the Chouteau Township Center. Colbert and other members of the quilting group are volunteers in Belleville Area College's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. RSVP and other services are provided by the college's Programs and Services for Older Persons.

AMVETS Auxiliary holds meeting

The Madison AMVETS Post 204 Auxiliary held its monthly meeting on April 4. The chairman of affairs was Vice President Mary Jean Adams who called the meeting to order. Renee Arnold gave the opening prayer. The minutes were read by Kim Obremski, secretary.

The group donated \$250 to John Tracy Clinic, \$50 to the Freedom Foundation, \$50 to Dreams Unlimited and \$50 to Paws.

The ladies auxiliary will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 14, at the club.

home.

The next district meeting will be held at 2 p.m. April 23 at AMVETS Post 51 home in Granite City.

Future plans are a newsletter to be printed at 6 p.m. May 15 at the club home. A visit to the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital will be held at noon May 18. Members wanting to attend should meet at the club home at noon.

Flags will be distributed at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 27, at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorial Day Services for Memorial Day will be held at 9 a.m. May 29.

New members were sworn in at the April meeting. They include Patty Brewer, Clara Leyton, Renee Arnold and Nancy Colby.

Members attending included Karen Clegg, Mary Jean Adams, Dotie Bailey, Evadene Graville, Judy Modrusic, Pat Hartman, Norma Diak and Mary Scarsdale.

The club currently has 81 members.

The next meeting will be held May 2.

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'Reader Reflections' returns

"Reader Reflections" returns to your Granite City Press Record on April 27 with a new batch of categories for spring.

The Press Record invites its readers to submit their best photos for publication in "Reader Reflections", a picture page that will run on the last Thursday of the month at the Wilson Park.

Each Reader Reflections page will have a theme, based on one of six categories: Easter Parade, Graduations Past ... Present, Going Places, Fourth of July, Sporting Memories and Summer at Wilson Park.

There are many possibilities for photos in each category.

For example, "Easter parade" (April) could include photos of egg hunts, people dressed in their Easter outfits, going to church or gathered around the table for Easter dinner.

"Graduations" (May) is self-explanatory. "Going Places" (June) could include local, out-of-state or out-of-the-country travels. "Fourth of July" (July) is also self-explanatory. "Sporting Memories" (August) is open to photos from the past of someone participating in any kind of sport. "Summer at Wilson Park" (September) is again self-explanatory and could include family reunions, church or school picnics.

Readers may submit one picture in each category, but must use a separate entry sheet for each with the appropriate theme checked. Photos must be received by the 20th of each month for each theme. For example, "Easter Parade" would be due on April 20 and run in the paper on April 27.

Photos must be clear and of good quality, must feature one or more persons in the photo and must include appropriate information for the caption. (See entry form.) They may be color or black and white.

Photocopies of the photos will not be accepted. If more space is needed to explain the photo, an extra information sheet may be attached to the entry form.

Only the best photos will be printed on a space available basis. Photos may be picked up one week after they have run in the paper at the Press Record Journal office located at 1815 Delmar Ave. Or provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope with each photo, and we will return them via the mail.

So get clicking and share your personal view of family, neighborhood or community with Press Record readers.

Official Entry Form

Name _____ Telephone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State, zip _____

Name & ages of people in picture _____

Location where picture was taken _____

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Theme
(circle one; one entry per category, please):

Easter Parade (April) Graduations Past, Present (May)

Going Places (June) Fourth of July (July)

Sporting Memories (August) Summer at Wilson Park (September)

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FAMILY

Swyers' family helps celebrate 102nd birthday

Ona Swyers, center, celebrates her 102nd birthday with her daughters, LaVerne Richter, left, and Irene Wilkinson.

Ona Swyers of Salem, Mo., celebrated her 102nd birthday recently with family and friends at Old Country Buffet in Bridgeton, Mo. Approximately 55 guests in attendance enjoyed a large cake decorated with flowers, candles and inament.

Swyers lived in Salem for most of her life, moving to the Bridgeton Nursing Center five years ago when she suffered a fall that left her unable to live alone.

Those in attendance were her daughters, Irene Wilkinson and husband, Del, of Granite City, and LaVerne Richter of Jefferson, Mo.; her son, William Swyers and wife, Betty, of Maryland Heights, Mo., and Howard Swyers and friend, Lynn Evans, of Harvester, Mo.; her grandchildren, Don and wife, Donna, of Granite City; Rita Schiber and Betty Kessler, both of New York; Rocky Cockrum and wife, Lisa; Monte Kester Jr. and children, Cory and Courtney; Greg Kester and friend, Nathal Rottier; Susan Swyers of St. Louis; Tony and Terry Swyers and son, Taylor; and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nikodym and daughters, Ellen and Kyle.

Also attending were her great-niece, Nell Brown, and husband, Bob; great-great-niece, Linda Brown; great-nephew, Jim Brown; great-nephew, Jerry Swyers, and wife, Donna; Lisa, John, Jordan and Ashlyn Stephens; great-granddaughter, Letty Yuvienco; great-

grandson, Neal Yuvienco; great-great-grandchildren, Taylor and Murphysboro; and friends, Mary Brown, Ida Kilmer and Jesse

Owens, all of Granite City, and Mildred Pedrole and Minora Boyle, both of St. Louis.

Gilley appointed master councilor

Mark H. Gilley was elected master councilor of James Stuart Chapter Order of DeMolay at its regular March meeting. Gilley, a freshman at Granite City High School, is a son of Paul and Linda Gilley.

The elected and appointed officers will be publicly installed at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Granite City Masonic Temple, 204 Street and Cleveland Boulevard. Refreshments and a dance will follow the installation.

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Illinois law requires the preparation of a police report in cases where the damage to property exceeds \$500 or where there is an injury to or death of any person. In any event, it is always the recommendation of this office that a police report be prepared where there is a potential for personal injury resulting from the accident.

One problem that sometimes arises in an accident case is where the description of the accident is inaccurate on the police report. At times the report may either misunderstand one of the parties involved in the accident or fails to accurately detail what actually happened. This can create problems at a later date if one of the parties is injured in the accident.

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In this case, the officer agreed to change the police report based on the obvious inaccuracies.

The defendant's insurance company at first denied the claim but later settled the case with the plaintiff based on the changed police report. This incident demonstrates the importance of an accurate police report when personal injury results from an automobile accident.

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**Leonard Leleniewski
and Teresa Bruncic**

Bruncic - Leleniewski

Teresa Jean Bruncic, daughter of Thomas and Dolores Bruncic of Madison, and Leonard Anthony Leleniewski, son of Edward and Sophie Leleniewski of Madison, have announced their engagement.

Bruncic is a 1981 graduate of Madison High School and is currently attending Belleville Area College majoring in child care. Leleniewski is a 1978 graduate of Madison High School. He is employed with John J. Steuby Co. in Hazelwood, Mo., as a material handler.

The couple plan a May 20 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison.

Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Debbie Saitch, Madison County Clerk:

Alan Bowman of Collinsville, and Tina Dickerson of Granite City.

Thomas Campbell and Tina Galsco, both of Granite City.

Joseph Clark and Betty Pella, both of Granite City.

Larry Cooper and Bella Krehler, both of Granite City.

Darren Davis of Granite City, and Lisa Dominguez of Collinsville.

Earl Dickey and Leona McCalister, both of Granite City.

Dallas Frith and Janice Leidner, both of Granite City.

Elmer Funderburk and Sarah

Gleason, both of Granite City.

Alan Gasparovic and Christina Dutko, both of Granite City.

Lance Hahn and Paula Wooten, both of Granite City.

Kevin Harper of Lovejoy, and Lois Gordon of Madison.

Daniel Huffaker and Leanne Holman, both of Granite City.

Karen and Michael Nedra Rieser, both of Granite City.

James Koellker and Sandra Ivie, both of Granite City.

Lorne Lambert and Barbara Scheide, both of Granite City.

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**Timothy Gihring
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Duffield - Gihring

Amy Duffield, daughter of William and Debbie Duffield of Granite City, and Timothy Gihring, son of Doug Gihring of Alton and the late Deborah Gihring, have announced their engagement.

Duffield, a graduate of Granite City High School, is attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed by the Park Service Co.

Gihring, a graduate of Roxana High School, is attending Belleville Area College pursuing a welding degree. He is employed with Central Mine Equipment.

A Dec. 2 wedding at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City is planned.

Dawes - 50 years

The children of Emerald and Irene Dawes of Granite City honored their parents with a celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on March 18 at Son Life Church in Collinsville.

The Dawes renewed their vows with their original best man, Lloyd Dildine, and their children, Robert and Linda Dawes, both of Granite City; Brenda Kierling of Glen Carbon, Ill.; and Lori Orren, of Ogden, Utah.

The renewal ceremony was performed at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City by the Rev. Herbert R. Bennett.

As the couple walked to the altar to renew their vows, Paula Scarbrough sang "I'll Be Loving You Always," followed by "Amen." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard Kotras.

Following the vows, Mary Paoli and Tony Gallaway sang "The Hawaiian Wedding Song."

Guests were then entertained by music from the Saints Alive Chorus and Eric Spalding, who gave several readings of his poems. The "Praise Band" of Son Life Church then played several favorite songs of the honored couple.

More than 250 friends and relatives enjoyed a buffet dinner, catered by Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City, and a gift exchange. Guests from out of state were Lloyd Dildine of North Glenn, Colo., and Jacqui Larson, granddaughter of the couple, from Ana Costes, Wash.

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Foster named beauty queen at pageant

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Sports

Section B

APRIL 13, 1995

GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

Wrestling Club basks in success

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Granite City Wrestling Club capped off one of the most memorable seasons in local history last year when it produced a state champion, eight place winners and a second-place team finish at the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation state tournament.

The club, the feeder program for the Granite City High School wrestling team, posted its best season in its 25-year history under coach Allen Kirgan. After placing second at the IKWF state tournament, the club set an IKWF state record for state qualifiers (21) and produced its first state champion in 10 years, Ben Temple.

THE TEAM'S achievements mirrored the success of the Granite City Warriors, who included four wrestlers at state — including two place winners — champion T.J. Slay. Kirgan said his team's success at state seemed to go hand in hand with the Warriors' accomplishments.

Most of the team's wrestlers are from Coolidge Junior High and will soon be attending GCCHS.

"It's real similar," Kirgan said. "The kids really think they're just like Granite City High School wrestlers."

"It was our best year ever, without a doubt."

Kirgan's team brought home two IKWF trophies this year — one from the state dual-team tournament and one from the state individual tournament. Both tournaments were held at Redbird Arena in Normal on the campus of Illinois State University.

AFTER A RUNNER-UP finish at state March 4, Granite City won the IKWF individual state title on March 22. The team set an IKWF record with 21 state qualifiers and produced a club record eight place winners. Six wrestlers placed in the Senior Division (ages 13-14) and two placed in the Novice Division. (See WRESTLE, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
The Granite City Wrestling Club's top performers this year included, left to right, Ben Temple, George Kirgan, Gary Oxford and Kevin Venne.

Netters disappointed by loss to Edwardsville

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The elation of a dominating effort against Waterloo on Thursday quickly turned sour on Monday, as the Warriors tennis team lost a match the entire team knows it should have won.

Granite City dropped to 1- overall with a 9-0 loss to Edwardsville. The loss came after a 9-0 whitewashing of Waterloo last Thursday.

HOWEVER, WARRIORS coach Allen Lobdell stressed that the Bulldogs are in a rebuilding year.

"Honestly, they were not much competition for us," he said. "They're in a down year, and have been down for a couple of years now."

GCHS rolled by the Bulldogs, winning 9-0 with no match last-

Tennis

in more than two sets.

But the Warriors could not sustain the momentum Monday.

Edwardsville seemed to win every critical point.

"We knew it would be a tough match, but that we already had it wrapped up as a win," Lobdell said. "I talked with the guys after the match, and nearly everyone agreed that they hadn't played their best match."

Lobdell referred to two crucial matches against Edwardsville that went to three sets. The Warriors lost both of them, as well as three other match points which they couldn't put away.

"WE DIDN'T PLAY well on the big points," Lobdell said.

"We also had the No. 2 doubles

(See TENNIS, Page 2B)

Warriors, Lancers rained out

Baseball

Tuesday's high school baseball game between Granite City and Belleville East was rained out and will be made up at a later date this season.

The Warriors (7-1) were scheduled to play the Lancers in a Southwestern Conference showdown Tuesday after Sunday's game at Busch Stadium against Mount Vernon. Granite City, however, called off the game and will return home to Varsity Field today for another key SWC game against Belleville West. Game

Lady Warriors pick up fifth straight shutout

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Braiding the weather paid off for the Granite City High girls soccer team Tuesday as the Lady Warriors blew past visiting Belleville East 9-0 in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Junior Carrie Simpson, sophomore Michelle Montgomery and freshman Ismahan Mohsen led the way with two goals apiece, and senior Amy Henson also scored. Henson had been out from injury. It was the fifth straight win for the Lady Warriors (5-1-1), who have also shut out their last five opponents.

THE START OF THE game was moved up to 4:30 p.m. when the two teams agreed to cancel the junior varsity contest because of the inclement weather. The contest was played in cold, rainy conditions.

Granite City coach Gene Baker said he came away impressed with the first-year Lady Warrior squad, which recently lost to Alton 2-1. The Lady Warriors beat Alton 2-2 on March 25 and have gone undefeated since then.

"They're a good team," Baker said of the Lancers. "We're playing well. I'm just real pleased with the girls. We had our best practice of the year by far (Monday)."

The Lady Warriors took a 6-0 halftime lead against East and added three more goals in the second half to post their most lopsided win of the season.



Roxie Simpson of Granite City dribbles the ball as Belleville East's Melissa Hayden defends. The Lady Warriors' Jennifer Splainard is in the background.

Junior Marcie Holsinger and senior Kara Gauen and sophomore Connie Meyers, Gauen in goal for the shutout.

GRANITE CITY GOT first-half goals from Simpson, Montgomery, Mohsen, Henson, senior Kara Gauen and sophomore Connie Meyers. Gauen took two penalty shots, one in each half, and scored on her second one for her team-leading

(See SOCCER, Page 2B)

Trivial matters

1. The Illinois High School Association began its boys track and field championships in 1893, making it the grandfather of IHSA state meets. Who was the first Metro East athlete to win a medal?

2. Some field events have been discontinued by the IHSA. What was the last year there was state competition in the javelin throw?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Pan Am golf tourney

The first Pan American Championship Golf Extravaganza will be held Monday, June 5 at Fox Creek Golf Course in Edwardsville.

The event is being held in conjunction with the 1995 Pan American Infantile Division (age 11-12) Baseball Championship, to be held Aug. 2-13 at Longacres Park in Fairview Heights.

For more information, contact Pan Am Golf Extravaganza, c/o Fairview Heights Parks Dept., 100025 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, Ill., 60028, or call 397-9361.



Coming up

Maroons come to town

Brian Lloyd (left) and the Warriors baseball team host Belleville West in a 4:15 p.m. Southwestern Conference game Thursday at Varsity Field.

- Trivia answers:
1. Enos (no first name available) of Alton won the pole vault in 1907 (10-11%).
2. 1939. Collinsville's Walter "Hoot" Evers won in 1938.

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(ages 10-12).

Temple, a standout heavyweight, repeated a phenomenal season and became the team's first individual state champion since Chuck Sparks won it in 1985. Temple went 1-1 in his second year of wrestling.

Temple, an eighth-grader at Coolidge, took up the sport last year and earned the nickname "Gentle Ben." This year, his teammates dubbed him "Temple of Doom."

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match that went until about 8:30 in the evening. That went to three sets, and we could have put them away then. But we didn't get it done."

The teams alternated wins throughout the match until the Tigers won the final two contests.

In the first singles match, the Warriors' Joe Markel defeated the Tigers' Bill DeConcini 6-1, 6-1.

Chris Marshall played the second singles match, and he dropped a 4-6, 6-4 decision to J.E. Hanmer. Joe Belmer took match No. 3 with a 6-2, 6-7, 6-0 win over Paul Bogosian.

Mark Papp lost to Matt McRae 1-6, 1-6, but Buddy Prazman came back with a 6-2, 6-0 romp over Matt Conway.

CHRIS MARSHALL lost a hard-fought match to the Tigers' Jim Blom, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 to finish off the singles competition.

All 12 singles players teamed up to compete in the doubles matches as well.

Bogosian and Mitchell teamed up to win the first doubles match against McRae and DeConcini by a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 tally. But the Tigers took the final two contests to end the match. Bogosian and Hanmer beat the Warriors' Markel and Papp in a tight three-set match. The Tigers won what turned out to be the decisive match of the meet 6-7, 6-7, 6-7.

The Tigers then clinched the meet as Blom and Conway won by Prazman and Carpenter 7-6, 6-1.

Lobdell said his players had seen many of the Tigers in a winter league just a few months ago.

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rebound shot by Henson with 4:35 left in regulation.

"It was nice to see the freshman (Molosen) score two goals," Baker said. "We got seven goals out of our kids who are underclassmen."

"THAT'S QUITE A TURNAROUND," Kirgan said. "He was a little more focused. I told him if he stayed out, he'd be a state champion."

Kirgan proved Kirgan right by dominating most of his foes and sweeping the competition in Normal. In the final, he came back from a deficit in the third period to win 8-4.

"IT WAS GREAT," Kirgan said. "He pinned everyone he wrestled until the final. He really stayed focused."

Granite City came just short of having two state champions. At 79 pounds, Gary Oxford

placed second after a heartbreaking loss in the finals.

Oxford had been ill and nearly withdrew from the tournament. He advanced to the championship match and lost in double overtime when he could not earn an escape point, and the sudden-death match ended at 4-4.

"IT WAS REAL TOUGH," Kirgan said. "He was real close to getting gold."

The team's other place winners included senior wrestlers Pat Sparks, who was sixth at 101 pounds; George

Kirgan, fourth at 130; Kevin Venne, sixth at 156; and Nick Patrick, fourth at 177. In the 1994 Division 1 120-pounder, Mark Venable placed fifth and 215-pounder Jason Newman placed second.

Kirgan said it was a thrill to take more than 20 wrestlers to state, earn eight medals and advance three individuals to the finals. Oxford, Venne and Kirgan placed at state for the second year.

"We haven't had anybody before this year with two individual state medals," said Kirgan. "In the sixth year, the team coach said, 'It's not that it didn't sink in. We had more place winners than some teams had kids last year."

A STRONG SCHEDULE made up of summer trips north to face better competition helped lead to Granite City's success. Week after week, Kirgan took his wrestlers to Chicago-area tournaments to face the state's best teams.

"I don't think there's any doubt about it," Kirgan said. "Our kids view all these kids (at state) because they wrestled them all year."

"We go where the toughest teams are. Every week, these

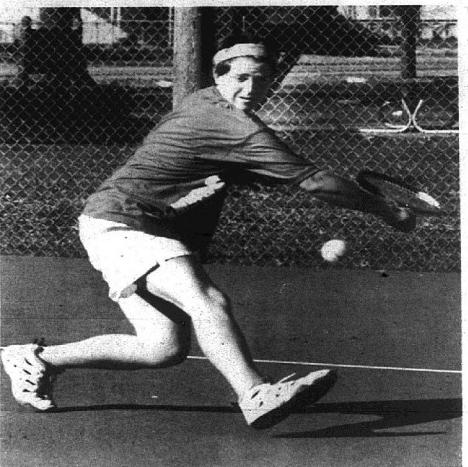
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state place winners this year — Tim Fulkeron, Tony Bucheli and Chris Janek — will wrestle under Kirgan in grade school.

"The program we have is just outstanding," Kirgan said. "Our kids are moving up when they get to the high school level and they're learning new things under (GCHS coach) Mike Garland."



(Staff photo by PAUL DOEPKE-HURD)

Joe Belmer makes a shot for the GCHS tennis team.

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Lobdell added he and his team were all quite upset after the match.

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Horoscope

Thursday April 13

A practical tone while Venus (affection) and Saturn (duty) hold hands. An elder's counsel brings order to chaos where joint money matters are concerned. Discovering the in-depth meaning of key relationship has a therapeutic effect when the moon (feelings) and Pluto (transformation) Uranus (which motivates) induces fresh excitement into friendship and romance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Inspulsive rampages continue. Love partnerships, a duo jets abroad or to off-beat sites for erotic thrills. Holding onto high standards attracts luck. Bypass shoddy ventures that promise fast cash. Bad risks drain your reserves.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Friendship rescues love. An intimate discussion with a chum reveals your obstacles to marital closeness — a new domestic commitment ensues. A lucky fatterness fattens your bank account.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Team learning promotes romance. Travel with a group to research a school assignment, enjoy a hobby or fun pastime. Your generous spontaneous love ignites along way. A generous raise is based on your commitment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

A deep mutual trust at home strengthens intimate ties and paves the way for a lucky joint financial move. An elder's business advice is as good as gold; heed it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

The lions' fangs go wild. Alert — a fierce gambling urge strikes you hard. Speculate only with spare cash; asking your bank to lead to a home-related loss. Live-in lovers resolve clashes or split.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 13)

It's a banner year to jump-start your education, travel far in love and make a fascinating career. A daring career move boosts your prestige in September. Keeping your nose to the grindstone in June earns you a raise. Love conquers everything in August and September. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 10.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Artistic expression. Publicity for your creative work improves sales and readership; loyal, well-heeled fans. Delve into psychology. Knowing what makes you tick sparks an innovative solution to a problem in love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Earn money in less time. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 10.

milieu applauds your honesty and backs your sensible social plan. Political schemes. Your analytical powers earn you a analytical bonus at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Unexpected support on the job advances your cause. An older woman's confusion calls for your help — your self-disciplined example teaches an important lesson best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Singles are lucky in love. You're a sexy magnet for romance — a Libra and a Taurus swoon over you. Sticky money at home depends on you modifying your impulsive spending ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Words can heal or hurt. Curb

your tongue in public — harsh words can injure harm. A well-timed compliment boosts your clout. Your nurturing lover knows what you need — give in to all-consuming bliss.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Drop into a new milieu. A change of scene sparks your mental verve, triggering fresh inspiration that turns your love life into a socializing with an Aries fires both your hearts for romance toward the month's end.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Mark unexpected changes in your personal life. Your family will be surprised but will accept the shift. An imaginative brainstorm solves a tough matter involving insurance, shared finances and a legacy.

'Emperor's New Clothes' comes to Muny stage

"The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, will be staged by the Muny Student Theatre on April 21 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as part of SIUE's Season for the Child, cosponsored by The BANK of Edwardsville and the Friends of Theater and Dance (FOTAD).

Costume designer, 7:30 p.m. that day at SIUE's Communications Building theater, The RANK and FOTAD, a support group for the SIUE department of theater and dance, have co-sponsored the Festival for the Child for several years and have consistently produced plays that bring quality, family-oriented entertainment to the region.

Set in southern Spain, this award-winning

musical production of "The Emperor's New Clothes" adapted by Sue Linenberg uses words and music by Charles Lederer. It incorporates Spanish culture and Flamenco music. It tells the story of the vain and irresponsible emperor, his devoted cook Maria, his ambitious adviser Don Alfonso and the two clever sisters who expose the emperor's ill-fitting outfit made of magic cloth.

Throughout the play, Muny Student Theatre members incorporate participation of audience members who discover, along with the emperor, how seeing the truth takes courage and the clear and honest vision of a child.

The Muny Student Theatre has staged more than 5,000 performances for more than

one million people during its 10 years of professional touring. It began in 1979 as a year-round educational outreach program for the Muny Opera of St. Louis, the oldest and largest outdoor summer theater in the country. The Muny Student Theatre program produces new plays and innovative musical adaptations of classic literature; works that deal with current issues relevant to families and young people, as well as productions of new works by young playwrights.

Tickets for "The Emperor's New Clothes" are \$6; children, \$4.50. Group rates are available. For ticket information, call the SIUE School of Fine Arts ticket office, 692-2774.

'Tank Girl' takes to the screen with pet yak

Most Sci-Fi movies need little excuse to fill the screen with power-mad dictators, down-trodden masses and aerobized babes straining the bounds of their ripped post-apocalyptic costumes. "Tank Girl" is based on a British comic book of the same name, is no exception.

Its 2033: The Earth has been decimated by a comet and reduced to a bleak desert. Water is the rarest commodity and 95 percent of the water supply is controlled by Kesselle (Malcolm McDowell), the urbane, sadistic head of the monolithic Power and Water

empire. Who will rid the world of this tyrannical Goliath? Step forward Rebecca Buck (Lori Petty). This swagging renegade cruises the dunes on her pet Yak and packs a nuclear bomb in machine gun. Home is a bunch of water-poaching grunge kids, is a sagging Victorian house set in the middle of the vast white desert. When Kesselle's henchmen take Doran, her boyfriend, and murder her boyfriend, the vigilante bixen begins her transformation into Tank Girl.

Petty does an excellent job carrying off Tank Girl's insolent wise-cracking attitude. Petty's high cheekbones and sleek, sinewy limbs are finely showcased by her tattooed body.

Armed with a dislodged tank, she is a feminist Mad Max, a punk rebel with sex appeal,

resplendent in a Mohawk hairdo, a red push-up bra, knee pads and a necklace made of Prozac capsules.

On the way to the final showdown with Kesselle, she teams up with a gang of misfit bixen. Tank Girl (Naomi Watts), invades a futuristic brothel called Liquid Silver, and falls in with some unlikely knights in shining armor: a bald man of hair, a bald, Kangaroo mutants known as the Rippers.

Built with clever prosthetics and latex armor, the Rippers, including their matriarch leader, Mrs. Icky, have some of the film's more colorful characters.

Director Rachel Talalay ("Aladdin's" "Dawn of the Final Nightmare," "Ghost in the Machine") does a fine job with the MTV-style visuals and soundtrack, jumping from live action to animation sequences and stills based on the original comic-book series.

But the plot is incoherent and jumpy and the dialogue is too tight. Talalay makes the same mistake his brother Doran made in his movie "Gunmen."

It's all effects and nonstop action, and you can never tell for whom dimensional characters.

Even for a movie based on a cartoon, style is just too triumphal over content here.

The stylish cast seems to be having a great time, though. Forced to go undercover in Kes-

selle's gleaming white space-age brothel, Tank Girl rejects the fashion offerings of the look-alike cyber hookers and forces the crowd to sing Cole Porter's romantic lyrics. "Let's do it. Let's fall in love."

And McDowell, fresh from killing Captain Kirk in "Star Trek: Generations," clearly has performed the strongest role in the film.

Overseen by music coordinator Courtney Love, the soundtrack features tracks from Bjork, Ice-T, Joan Jett and Iggy Pop, which makes a brief cameo appearance.

The relentless, bombastic action is counterbalanced by the desolate beauty of the White Sands National Monument in New Mexico where many of the exteriors were filmed.

"Tank Girl" is produced by Richard B. Lewis, Peter Dennis and John Watson, co-producers of "Backdraft," "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" and "Blown Away."

The executive producer is Aron J. Warner.

The design team includes Ripper creator Stan Winston and Artie Avakian for his work on "Jurassic Park," "Aliens" and "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

The MGM UA release has a running time of 102 minutes.

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'Rob Roy' stars winning landscape

A ghostly fog cloaks the emerald green of the Scottish Highlands, and from its wispy tendrils a clan of determined men storms through. They are after a grungy horde of cattle rustlers.

The clan's leader, Robert Roy MacGregor, approaches the thieves alone and makes a simple statement: Give back the cattle and no harm will befall them. But these are ignorant and desperate people. The gang's leader makes the fatal mistake of going up against Rob Roy.

One bad guy down, and several more scheming, nasty, ugly bad guys to go.

In Michael Caton-Jones' "Rob Roy," the sides are clearly drawn: good and honorable; bad and dishonest. And like an old-fashioned movie, you cheer on the good guys and applaud the demise of evil.

"Rob Roy" is the kind of sweeping, majestic movie-making about a real-life hero that captured the imagination in the 1960s and early 1970s. And if Charlton Heston were young enough, he surely would have starred.

But the United Artists Pictures' release stars Liam Neeson as the Scottish legend, and the kilt-clad actor is just great. Neeson lends a brooding honor to the role and displays brute strength and cunning tempered by human compassion.

Then there's the other side of the ledger: the lusty chemistry between Neeson and co-star Jessica Lange, who portrays Rob's wife, Mary.

Rob and Mary help hold together the MacGregor clan in the early 1700s, as the greedy British move in to rape the land and its people. He accepts a loan from the despicable Marquis of Montrose (John Hurt), so they can get through the winter. The agreement calls for a signed document that will allow the MacGREGORS to charge their goods.

But the Marquis' evil henchman Archie Cunningham (Tim Roth) and his villainous agent Killearn arrange for Rob's friend Alan (Eric Stoltz) to pick up 1,000 pounds in cash instead. Archie burns down Killearn's home as he rides through the forest, kills him and steals the money.

The Marquis, of course, holds Rob responsible for the theft, and when he is unable to repay the loan, he sends Archie to burn down Rob's home while Killearn watches.

Rob becomes an outlaw as the clan escalates actions against the Marquis and his property, and when Killearn is kidnapped and executed by the MacGregors, the Marquis sends Archie to capture Rob.

The action climaxes in an extremely exciting and vivid escape, culminating in an inventive and well-staged sword fight between Archie and Rob.

Tim Roth absolutely steals the movie. Without him, it's simply another richly rewarding visual study; with him, "Rob Roy" soars.

As Archie, Roth is deliciously fey and totally warped that he has earned an unforgettable film character. He also excels as a swordsman and gives Archie a foppish style that will have you howling throughout the movie.

Rob, meanwhile, is acutely trained with the sword, Rob is all instinct and fights from the gut. It makes for a sizzling match.

Lange adds a certain strength and integrity to Mary, and a natural warmth that seems to cheer the chilly landscape.

Stoltz is a pleasant surprise, putting in a decent, yet effective turn as the loyal clanman. The imperious Hurt is perfect as the Marquis, and Scottish actor Brian Cox makes a great smarmy Killearn.

The real star of "Rob Roy," though, is the landscape. The photography of the Scottish Highlands is breathtaking and inspiring, a beauty that's hard to find. Karl Walter Lindenlaub is to be commended.

Caton-Jones' direction, which slows at times, also is worthy, as is the editing by Peter Honess. Together, they make a formidable filmmaking team.

One of the effective scenes is achieved when the filmmakers cut back and forth between Archie stalking Alan in the forest and the clan gathering around a welcoming fire. It all is set to traditional Scottish music: Carter Burwell provides a haunting soundtrack.

The Scottish accents can become a bit trying at times, however, and you might wish for subtitles to get you through.

"Rob Roy" was produced by Peter Brougham and Richard Jackson and is rated R.

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